

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 7, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., in the Council's Chambers at the City Center South Campus, 1001 11th Avenue.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. Roll Call

Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor John Gates and Councilmembers Tommy Butler, Ed Clark, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton and Kristin Zasada.

4. Recognitions and Proclamations

Councilmember Butler presented the What's Great About Greeley Report.

Mayor Gates presented a Proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month.

5. Citizen Input

Steve Teets, Greeley resident, referenced a brochure about the Poudre Express and noted that the month of January will be free, and as such, encouraged ridership. He spoke of Lamar Industries, the company the City contracts with to keep bus stops clean of snow and trash, and noted that the contract is not being fulfilled.

Tanis Bator, Greeley resident, spoke of the serious work Council has on its' plate as elected officials. She stated that it is important to manage growth and stressed the importance of the 2020 Census. She encouraged town meetings in the wards to talk about online options and to make sure everyone has access to participation options.

Edwin Grant, Greeley resident, spoke of the Weld County's Most Wanted List and the 60 Minutes episode that addressed the Red Flag Law that will not be enforced in Weld County. He expressed that he had concern with 60 Minutes' liberal twist on this.

6. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Hall reported that the Colorado Municipal League sent out information about its' Legislative Workshop set for February 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Denver which would be a great day spent. He added that he welcomes information and questions about upcoming legislative items.

Councilmember Fitzsimmons reported that he recently attended a Leadership Weld County session and made note of the great up-and-coming leaders participating in this class.

Councilmember Butler spoke of his Town Hall Meeting coming up on January 25th from 10-11 a.m. at Los Comales at which the 2020 Census will be a topic.

Mayor Gates noted that he spoke to the Leadership Weld County class and that he was honored to participate in the Menorah Lighting which had great attendance.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Payton asked that the issue of SB 19-1177 be revisited and that the City Attorney's Office explore the merits of a municipal challenge to this law. He stated that he wants to be able to stand behind the Police Chief when an Extreme Risk Protection Order has been served on the Police Department to ensure that constitutional protections have been considered in the issuance of that document.

Doug Marek, City Attorney, reported that there is a policy within the Police Department that provides for immediate access to him or his Deputy City Attorney so that they are notified when one has been received giving them the opportunity to respond to any petitions. He stressed that he is closely monitoring this issue and staying in close communication with the Police Department.

Councilmember Clark stated his support to defend the Constitution and challenge this law, and also asked that Mr. Marek talk with Weld County Attorney Bruce Barker and work cooperatively if possible on this effort.

Mr. Marek also advised that he is in close touch with the Municipal Attorneys group and a sub-group of that which is focusing on the Red Flag Law and its' implementation, as well as the Weld County Attorney and will keep Council advised of news and updates.

Councilmember Butler expressed his desire to see estimated costs to the City to challenge this law, and pointed out that he would not be in favor of proceeding without that information.

General Council consensus was reached for this Initiative.

****** Consent Agenda ******

9. Approval of the City Council Proceedings of December 17, 2019

The Council action recommended was to approve the Proceedings.

10. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Greeley and City Center West Residential District No. 2

The Council action recommended was to adopt the resolution. **(Resolution No. 1, 2020)**

****** End of Consent Agenda ******

Councilmember Hall moved, seconded by Councilmember Fitzsimmons to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and their recommended actions. The motion carried: 7-0

11. Pulled consent agenda items

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

12. New Council Orientation

Renee Wheeler, Finance Director, provided Council with information about how the department is organized, funded, functions and services, frequently asked questions and need-to know information and what is in the future for the department for 2020 and beyond.

Sharon McCabe, Human Resources Director, provided Council with information about how the department is organized, funded, functions and services, frequently asked questions and need-to know information and what is in the future for the department for 2020 and beyond.

Paul Fetherston, Assistant City Manager, on behalf of Information Technology Director, Scott Magerfleisch, provided Council with information about how the department is organized, funded, functions and services, frequently asked questions and need-to know information and what is in the future for the department for 2020 and beyond.

24. Scheduling of meetings, other events

Ms. Safarik reported that a grant was awarded to the City for outreach and work with the Complete Count Committee relative to the 2020 Census to reach out to under-represented groups in the community. She noted that there will be a lot of media about this coming soon.

Councilmember Clark stated that there is a lot of information on the City's website and other places about the new Poudre Express bus route.

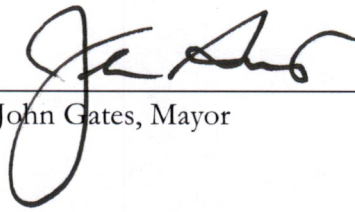
Councilmember Zasada moved, seconded by Councilmember Clark to call a Special City Council Meeting for February 7, 8 and 9, 2020, for the purpose of conducting a Council Visioning Retreat. The motion carried: 7-0

25. Consideration of a motion authorizing the City Attorney to prepare any required resolutions, agreements, and ordinances to reflect action taken by the City Council at this meeting and at any previous meetings, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all such resolutions, agreements, and ordinances

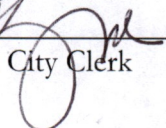
Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Clark to approve the above authorizations, and the motion carried: 7-0

26. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



John Gates, Mayor



Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk